GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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INSTRUCTION TO HOSPITALS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued directions to the Government/Private Hospital regarding admission of road accident victims in case of emergency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have received complaints about refusal of admission to road accident victims for want of payments etc.; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Hon`ble Supreme Court of India in their judgement dated 6.5.1996 in SLP(C)No.796/92-Paschim Banga Khe Mazdoor Samity & Others Vs. State of West Bengal & Others suggested remedial mesures to ensure immediate medical aatatention and tasreat to persons in real needs. Hon`ble Court had given directions that other States though not parties should also take necessary steps in the light of recommendations made by the Inquiry Committee which was set up by the State Government of West Bengal and further directions as given by the Court. The copies; of the judgement of the Hon`ble Supreme Court were circulated on 12.12.1996 to all States/Union Territories with the suggestions to take appropriate action for carrying out orders of the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India of India.Suitable gguidelines to deal with the emergency patients were also issued on 13.12.1996 to all hospitals/Institutes under Central Government viz.All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, JIPMER, Pondicherry, PGIMEF Chandigarh, Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals, New Delhi. As per these guidelines all patients whose condition is morbid/serious should be admitted even if beds are not available and have to be paid all necessary attention. In no case the patient will be left unattended for want of vacant beds in the emergency/casualty department.

Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, regulation of private hospitals comes under the purview of the State Governments.

(c): No such case has been reported.

(d) Does not arise.